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# The Pipeline

### Interns Take on Challenging Work for CFC

By: Mike Jennings, CFC Communications

One works with church youth groups, one has taught English in Mexico and China and one swats tennis balls and cranks out publicity for her school's sports program.

All three are doing important and challenging work for the Cabinet for Families and Children under a semester in Frankfort program sponsored by the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities and the Personnel Cabinet.

Kerry McKinney, Amy Neild and Shannon Thomas are among 13 students from private colleges in the state who recently began internships with 10 state government cabinets. They will work 30 hours a week for four months, receive a monthly stipend and earn a full semester's academic credit from their home campuses.

Neild, a senior at Asbury College in Wilmore, envisions a career in international adoptions. Once she made that known, arrangements were made for her to help Protection and Permanency staff process cases of families who are applying to adopt a children from overseas. She will also assist licensed adoption agencies involved in international adoptions.

McKinney, also an Asbury senior, will help the Office of Performance Enhancement document data sources that will be used to measure Cabinet outcomes. She will also help plan procedures for compiling and distributing statewide outcome measurement information.

A self-described "legislative junkie," Thomas will monitor legislative committee meetings for the communications office. The Campbellsville University junior will also report for CFC Online, help plan



CFC interns, pictured from left to right, are Shannon Thomas, Amy Neild, and Kerry McKinney.

the Cabinet's state fair display and compile for publication a list of all ACE/ERA winners and the reasons for their awards.

McKinney, 22, is an applied communications major from Lexington. She is a campus apartment coordinator, and she serves on Outreach Ministry Teams, which assist church youth groups in neighboring states.

Neild, 21, is a missions major from Goshen, Ind. She, too, has been a residence hall coordinator, and she has taught English as a second language in Mexico City and Shenzhen, China. She envisions a career in international adoptions.

Thomas, 20, from Princeton, Ky., is pursuing a double major in political science and communications. She also competes for the Campbellsville University Fighting Tiger tennis team and puts together media packets, takes photos and works the press box for the school's sports information office.

Richard Wilson, former Lexington bureau chief for The Courier-Journal, directs the Frankfort Semester Administrative Internship Program for the independent colleges' association. In addition to their work in state government, students in the program must complete a research paper on a government-related topic under Wilson's direction, and they must take a seminar in public finance taught by State Budget Director Jim Ramsey.

#### Self-Help Health Fair Scheduled



By Margaret Davis Harney, CFC Communications

A Self-Help Health Fair will be held Feb. 2-3 at Frankfort's Capital Plaza Holiday Inn. The Fair will focus on staying healthy through the chronic pain and fatigue of fibromyalgia and other chronic diseases, but there will be something for everyone.

The Fair will open Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. with a free seminar on herbal medicine, and will continue 9 a.m.–5 p.m. on Feb. 3. Exhibitors will include the Franklin County Health Department, which will provide free body composition analysis and blood pressure checks through out the day Feb. 3.

Other health care providers and health product distributors will also be available to provide information and answer questions, including the Arthritis Foundation and area fibromyalgia support groups. Free scoliosis screening for children will be offered Feb. 3.

For more information, call Linda Burke in Frankfort at 502-695-1556.



Now that most of us have had time to put into practice the skills we rehearsed during the initial "Everyone A Leader" sessions, Pipeline would like to hear whether this skill-building endeavor is making a day-to-day difference in the way we interact with our colleagues and serve our clients. If you can cite an example of how adherence to the Ground Rules and Basic Principles of Professional Behavior has helped CFC employees do a better job, please inform Pipeline editor Patricia Boler by e-mail or by calling 564-6180.

#### Still Time for Yoga

A local yoga instructor, Julia Rome, has offered to provide yoga classes for employees in the CHR Building. Ms. Rome advises that students will work at their own ability level to improve health and well-being, flexibility, strength and concentration.

Specifics of the class are still being worked out. The minimum number of students required is six, and the cost is \$5 per class (first class is free).

There is still time to get involved. E-mail Ronnie Dunn, CFC Division of Personnel, if you are interested.



The lobby of the Health Services Building was transformed during the Jan. 11-12 blood drive co-sponsored by the Cabinets for Families & Children & Health Services.

#### **Sick Leave Needs**

Amanda Diaz of Child Support in the Lincoln Trail Region is in need of donated sick leave. Amanda has exhausted all of her leave time. To donate time, contact Nancy Alexander at (270)766-5085 ext. 206.

Susan (Melynn) Mitchell of Child Support in the Lincoln Trail Region is in need of donated sick leave. Her leave time has also been exhausted. To donate time, contact Nancy Alexander at (270)766-5085 ext. 206.

Vickie Davis of the Tax Intercept Section in the Division of Child Support is in need of donated sick leave. Vickie is on maternity leave and has exhausted all of her leave time. To donate time, contact Linda Kelley at 502-564-2285,ext. 4464.

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The Comprehensive Family Services newsletter, CFS Focus, is available online to Cabinet employees. Find out how local CFS families have progressed, what changes caseworkers have dealt with and how staff in the pilot counties have incorporated Everyone a Leader principles into their efforts. Log on at <a href="http://cfccbsi01/cfsnews/focus.htm">http://cfccbsi01/cfsnews/focus.htm</a>

#### **New CHS Web Site**

The Cabinet for Health Services has a new web site at http://chs.state.ky.us/.

This web site will give the public an opportunity to learn more about CHS activities as well as obtain important information about health issues and programs.

For several months a group of people representing all the departments and offices of CHS have collaborated to design a new site and revise the content of the pages. They worked with Patrick Quirk, who was hired as the project manager, and Scott Smalley, Office of Technical Services, to create dynamic, up-to-date pages.

The design of the site grew from the theme, "Cabinet for Health Services, Building a Healthier Tomorrow Today."

Each of the sites within the CHS web site either has or will obtain BOBBY approval, which means it is accessible to people with disabilities.

Remember to use your ID card each time you enter the CHR Building. Proper procedure protects each of us and creates a safer, more secure work environment!

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